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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

CA,F&CS Department – Paddy Procurement Operations – Calling of Tenders on Paddy Procurement Incidentals – Orders – Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.7 Dated.13.03.2023.

Read the following:

1. From the VC & Managing Director, APSCSCL, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Mktg/M2/2022/8/KMS/2022-23, dated: 24.02.2023.
2. From the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada E-Office No. FCS02-Pro1/7/2023-SUPDT.PROC-CCS.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the VC & Managing Director, APSCSCL, Vijayawada has stated that various incidentals as per the rates communicated by the Government of India in the Provisional Cost Sheet are being paid to the Rice Millers and Procurement Support Agencies (PSAs) and other parties involved in the procurement. The activities involved in the process includes transportation of Paddy to Rice Mills, Milling, Transportation of CMR to Buffer Godowns, Storage at Buffer Godowns, Transportation of Rice from Buffer Godowns to MLS Points through Stage-I, Transportation from MLS Points to FP shops.

2. The VC&MD., APSCSCL, Vijayawada has further stated that, since, presently all the above processes are being dealt by different agencies , it is throwing up coordination challenges. In order to overcome these challenges and thereby bring more efficiency in the process and also to minimize avoidable expenditure to the Government, he proposed tenders to be called on procurement incidentals for appointment of unified agencies to do all the above works from end to end viz., Paddy Procurement to delivery of Rice to F.P Shop dealers which will reduce the difficulties in the process and enable smooth procurement of Paddy/Rice and also save money.

3. The VC & MD., APSCSCL, Vijayawada has furnished the details of the Scope of work and responsibilities of the APSCSCL and Service Provider as

detailed below and requested the Government to issue necessary orders in the matter:

Scope of Work & Responsibility of APSCSCL:

- To integrate e-crop data of Paddy growing farmers from Agriculture Department and Paddy Procurement portal ready for Procurement.
- To schedule coupons indicating date and time of Procurement to farmers.
- To collect sample as per the established procedures and test the quality of Paddy by PPC staff as prescribed by GoI (FAQ).

Responsibility of Service Provider:

- To provide used Gunnies (optional), Labour and Transportation at farm gate to farmers as per the schedule generated by PPCs to bring quality confirmed Paddy to PPCs at RBKs.
- The service provider should place the trucks at PPCs 3 hours prior to the Scheduled time of Paddy Procurement.
- To ensure that Paddy is loaded in the trucks within 1 hour from the Scheduled time.
- To transport the Paddy loaded in trucks to PPCs at RBKs for Quality testing as prescribed by GoI (FAQ).
- To weigh the Paddy at calibrated weighbridge or using calibrated weighing scale to be provided by service provider in the presence of farmers and PPC staff.
- To record the weighment in Paddy Procurement Portal to generate truck sheet and FTO.
- To ensure that it doesn't exceed more than 30 minutes at the weighbridge for weighment process.
- To ensure that Quality of the procured paddy does not deteriorate during the transit from PPCs to Mill Points. All precautionary measures shall be taken to protect the paddy during transit from PPCs to Mill Points.
- To ensure that Paddy received at Mill point is unloaded and acknowledged online within 2-3 hours from loading at PPCs.
- To unload the paddy from the trucks as soon as it reaches the Mill Point and to deploy the required labours to make the handling process smooth and efficient.

- To ensure that Quantity of paddy loaded at 'PPCs at RBKs' and Unloaded at Mill Points remains the same.
- To co-ordinate with the Custodian Officer deployed at Mill Point to redress any grievance that arises, if any.
- To have drying and steaming facilities for drying and steaming of Paddy and maintain quality of Paddy at storage level.
- To mill the Paddy as per the standing instructions, which includes sortex and fortified process. The Service provider shall arrange adequate fortified kennels required for CMR operations on par with GOI and FCI norms
- To ensure that milling is completed and CMR is delivered to Storage Godown within one month from date of Paddy Acknowledgement at Mill Point.
- To arrange exclusively new gunny bags in adequate number to fill it with CMR after Paddy is milled and there shall be no shortage of gunny bags leading to deterioration of Custom Milled Rice. The same shall be verified and confirmed by APSCSCL.
- To arrange storage Godown with adequate storage space to store CMR. The storage Godown shall either be owned or hired by the service provider. The storage space shall be as per existing norms.
- To ensure the trucks are readily available at the mill point to transport CMR to Scientific Godown for storage.
- To check the Quality of CMR at the Godown by APSCSCL appointed Technical Assistants (TAs) / Officers as prescribed by GoI / Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- To ensure that Quantity of CMR loaded at Mill point and unloaded at Scientific Storage Godown remains the same.
- To ensure that Fumigation, Prophylactic and Curative treatments in time are given to the stored stocks at Scientific Godowns as per the existing norms.
- To ensure that stacking of CMR within the Godown is made as per the norms prescribed by APSCSCL.
- To check the Quality of CMR at the Godown by APSCSCL appointed Technical Assistants(TAs)/Officers as prescribed by GoI/GoAP before transporting CMR from Scientific Godowns to Fair Price shops. Monthly Quality Certificates will be issued by APSCSCL.

- To ensure the adequate trucks and labourers are readily available well in advance at the Scientific Godown to transport CMR to Fair Price Shops. The location of the Fair Price Shops shall be communicated by the APSCSCL based on movement order.
- To ensure that the CMR is delivered at Fair Price Shops within 24 hours from the issuance of movement order as per release order of Tahsildar.
- To ensure that Quality of CMR does not deteriorate during the transit from Scientific Storage to Fair Price Shops.
- To ensure that Quantity of CMR loaded at Scientific Godown and unloaded at Fair Price shops remains the same.
- To deliver CMR to FP shops in time as ordered by APSCSCL in co-ordination with local officials and FP Shop dealers.
- To ensure that proper insurance coverage for the stocks is taken under the name of A.P.State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.
- To collect the delivery acknowledgement from the Fair Price Shops once the delivery is made and ensure that the same is sent to APSCSCL for bill payment.

4. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Vijayawada has stated that, there are many sub-activities involved in paddy procurement from the stage, it is procured from the farmer at the farm gate till the custom milled rice is delivered to the card holders. The Commissioner further added that APCS Corp engages services of providers for undertaking above sub-tasks like vehicle hiring, hamalies, procures required material like Gunnies and hires Godown space for storage. The experience of the Corp is, because of involvement of multiple stakeholders, it is increasingly becoming difficult to coordinate and deliver services in timely manner. Due to lack of synchronization of these services, there are instances of farmers endlessly waiting for Gunnies / Vehicles causing lot of hardship to the Farmers. Similar co-ordination issues are plaguing Stage-1 and Stage-2 transportation adversely affecting timely positioning of essential commodities at FP Shops. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Vijayawada while acknowledging the recommendations of VC&MD has requested the Government, to issue necessary orders on the proposal of the VC&M.D., APSCSC Ltd., Vijayawada to provide multiple services through unified service provider(s) identified through Tender

based Paddy Procurement Incidentals System for implementation of the State cards.

5. In the above circumstances stated by the VC&MD., APSCSC Ltd., Vijayawada / the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada Government after careful examination of the matter, is hereby, order to authorize the VC&MD., APSCSC Ltd., Vijayawada to undertake the Tender based Paddy Procurement Incidentals System for implementation of the PDS for State cards.

6. The VC & Managing Director, APSCSC Ltd., Vijayawada / the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

7. A copy of this order is available at 'apegazette.cgg.gov.in'.

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To
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Vijayawada.
The VC & Managing Director, APSCSCL, Vijayawada.
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The PS to Hon'ble Minister(CAF&CS)
The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
The Commissioner, Printing and Stationery, A.P., Vijayawada with a request to publish the G.O. in AP Gazette.
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